

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A digital camera comprising:
a photographing component for photographing a subject;
a setting component for setting whether or not a generation of an intermediate image is to be carried out;
an intermediate image generating component for generating, when the intermediate image generation is set by the setting component, ~~an~~ the intermediate image having a resolution between an original image and a thumbnail image; and
a storage component for storing an original image photographed by the photographing component and, if generated, the generated intermediate image.
2. (Currently Amended) The digital camera of claim 1, wherein the setting component sets ~~the~~ a size of the intermediate image to be generated.
3. (Currently Amended) The digital camera of claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ a size of the intermediate image is approximately 1/3 the size of the original image.
4. (Currently Amended) The digital camera of claim 1,
wherein the setting component further sets whether or not a generation of a thumbnail image is to be carried out,
wherein a thumbnail image generating component, for generating the thumbnail image when thumbnail image generation is set by the setting component, is disposed, and
wherein the storage component stores, if generated, the generated thumbnail image.

5. (Currently Amended) The digital camera of claim 4, wherein ~~the~~ a setting component sets the size of the thumbnail image to be generated.
6. (Original) The digital camera of claim 4, wherein the thumbnail image is generated by sampling pixels at predetermined intervals.
7. (Original) The digital camera of claim 4, wherein the thumbnail image is generated using an image reduction algorithm.
8. (Currently Amended) A photographing system comprising:
 - a digital camera; and
 - a machine-readable medium encoded with a set of medium-readable instructions for use on a personal computer,wherein the digital camera includes:
 - a photographing component for photographing a subject[,] ;
 - a setting component for setting whether or not to generation of an intermediate image is to be carried out[,] ;
 - an intermediate image generating component for generating, when intermediate image generation is set by the setting component, ~~an~~ the intermediate image having a resolution between an original image and a thumbnail image[,] ;
 - a storage component for storing an original image photographed by the photographing component and the generated intermediate image[,] ; and
 - a communicating component for communicating with the personal computer,

and

wherein the personal computer sets can be used to set the setting component via the communicating component.

9. (Currently Amended) The photographing system of claim 8, wherein the setting component sets ~~the~~ a size of the intermediate image to be generated.

10. (Currently Amended) The photographing system of claim 8, wherein ~~the~~ a size of the intermediate image is approximately 1/3 the size of the original image.

11. (Currently Amended) The photographing system of claim 8,
wherein the setting component sets whether or not generation of a thumbnail image is to be carried out,

wherein a thumbnail image generating component, for generating the thumbnail image when thumbnail image generation is set by the setting component, is disposed in the digital camera, and

wherein the storage component stores the generated thumbnail image.

12. (Currently Amended) The photographing system of claim 11, wherein the setting component sets ~~the~~ a size of the thumbnail image to be generated.

13. (Original) The digital camera of claim 11, wherein the thumbnail image is generated by sampling pixels at predetermined intervals.

14. (Currently Amended) A method for photographing with a digital camera, the method comprising ~~the steps of:~~

(a) photographing a subject;

(b) ~~setting~~ determining whether or not a generation of an intermediate image is set to be carried out;

(c) generating an intermediate image having a resolution between an original image and a thumbnail image when the intermediate image generation is set; and

(d) storing the photographed original image and, if generated, the generated intermediate image.

15. (Currently Amended) The method for photographing with a digital camera of claim 14, ~~wherein the~~ further comprising: setting a size of the intermediate image to be generated is set in ~~step (b)~~ setting whether or not generation of an intermediate image is to be carried out.

16. (Currently Amended) The method for photographing with a digital camera of claim 14, wherein ~~the~~ a size of the intermediate image is approximately 1/3 the size of the original image.

17. (Currently Amended) The method for photographing with a digital camera of claim 14, wherein in ~~step (b)~~ determining whether or not generation of an intermediate image is set to be carried out, whether or not generation of a thumbnail image is to be carried out is set, wherein the thumbnail image is generated when thumbnail image generation is set in ~~step (b)~~ setting whether or not generation of an intermediate image is to be carried out, and

wherein the generated thumbnail image is stored in step (d) storing the photographed original image and the generated intermediate image.

18. (Currently Amended) The method for photographing with a digital camera of claim 17, wherein ~~the~~ a size of the thumbnail image to be generated is set in ~~step (b)~~ setting whether or not generation of an intermediate image is to be carried out.
19. (Original) The method for photographing with a digital camera of claim 17, wherein the thumbnail image is generated by sampling pixels at predetermined intervals.
20. (Original) The method for photographing with a digital camera of claim 17, wherein the thumbnail image is generated using an image reduction algorithm.